

A General Discalced Carmelite Calendar



January

- 1 Mary, Mother of God - Solemnity
- 3 Bl Kuriakos Elias Chavara, Priest (1805-71) – Opt Mem
- 8 St Peter Thomas, Bishop (d. 1366) – Opt Mem
- 9 St Andrew Corsini, Bishop (d. 1374) – Opt Mem
- 27 St Henry de Ossó y Cervelló, Priest (d. 1896) – Opt Mem

March

- † 18 *FAST DAY*
- 19 St. Joseph, Protector of Carmel and Patron of the
California-Arizona Province – Solemnity

April

- 1 Bl Nuño Alvares Pereira, Lay Brother (1360-1431) – Opt Mem
- 17 Bl Baptist Spagnoli, Priest (1447-1516) – Opt Mem
- 18 Bl Mary of the Incarnation, Lay Sister (1566-1618) – Opt Mem
- 23 Bl Teresa Mary of the Cross Manetti, Virgin (1846-1910) – Opt Mem

May

- 16 St Simon Stock, Priest (XIII cent.) – Opt Mem
- 22 St Joachina de Vedruna (de Mas), Religious (1783-1854) – Opt Mem
- 25 St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin (1566-1607) – Memorial
- 29 Bl. Elia of St. Clement, Virgin (1901-1927) – Opt Mem

June

7 BI Anne of St. Bartholomew, Virgin (1549-1626) – Memorial

12 BI Alphonsus Mary Mazurek, Priest & Martyr – Opt Mem

14 BI Mother Maria Candida of the Eucharist, Virgin – Opt Mem

July

12 BI Louis & Zelig Martin – Opt Mem

13 St Teresa of Jesus of the Andes, Virgin (1900-20) – Opt Mem

† 15 *FAST DAY*

16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Solemnity

17 BI Teresa of St Augustine and companions of Compiègne,
Virgin Martyrs (d. 1794) – Memorial

† 19 *FAST DAY*

20 St Elijah, Prophet (IX cent. BC) – Feast

23 Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace – Memorial

24 BI Maria Pilar, Teresa, and Maria Angeles,
Virgin Martyrs of Guadalajara (d. 1936) – Opt Mem

24 BI Maria Mercedes Prat, Virgin (d. ?) – Opt Mem

26 Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary,
Secondary protectors of our Order – Opt Mem

27 BI Titus Brandsma, Priest Martyr (1881-1942) – Opt Mem

28 BI John Soreth, Priest (1394-1471) – Opt Mem

August

7 St Albert of Trapani, Priest (d. 1307?) – Memorial

9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein),
Virgin Martyr (1891-1942) – Opt Mem

- 16 Bl Maria Sagrario of St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Virgin Martyr (1881-1936) – Opt. Mem
- 18 OCD Martyrs of French Revolution (Bl Jean-Baptiste
Duverneil, Bl Michael-Louis Brulard & Bl Jacques
Gagnot, Priest Martyrs) – Opt Mem
- 25 Bl Mary of Jesus Crucified, Virgin (1846-78) – Opt Mem
- 26 Transverberation of St Teresa of Jesus – Opt Mem

September

- 1 St Teresa Margaret Redi, Virgin (1747-70) – Memorial
- 12 Bl Mary of Jesus, Virgin (1560-1640) – Memorial
- 17 St Albert, Patriarch and Lawgiver of Carmel (d. 1214) – Feast

† 30 FAST DAY

October

- 1 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor (1873-97) – Feast

† 14 FAST DAY

- 15 Our Holy Mother Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor (1515-82) – Solemnity

November

- 5 Bl Frances d'Amboise, Nun (1427-1485) – Opt Mem
- 6 Bl Josepha Naval Girbés, Virgin Tertiary (1820-93) – Opt Mem
- 7 Bl Francis of Jesus, Mary Joseph Palau y Quer, Priest (1811-72) – Opt Mem
- 8 Bl Elizabeth of the Trinity, Virgin (1880-1906) – Memorial

† 13 FAST DAY

- 14 All Carmelite Saints – Feast
- 15 All Carmelite Souls – Commemoration
- 19 St Raphael Kalinowski, Priest (1835-1907) – Memorial

29 Bl Dionysius of the Nativity, Priest Martyr and
Redemptus of the Cross, Lay Brother Martyr, (d. 1638) – Memorial

December

11 St. Maria Maravillas of Jesus, Virgin (1891-1974) – Opt. Mem

† 13 FAST DAY

14 Our Holy Father John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor (1542-91) – Solemnity

16 Bl Mary of the Angels, Virgin (1661-1717) – Opt Mem

† Fast on the vigil. The Fast may be anticipated for good reason.

Anticipation should never involve fasting on Sundays and Holy Days

RULES FOR CELEBRATIONS OCCURRING ON THE SAME DAYⁱ

If several celebrations fall on the same day, the one that holds the higher rank according to the table [see below] is observed. A solemnity, however, which is impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day which is not a day listed in nos. 1-8 in the table of precedence, the rule of no. 5 remaining in effect. Other celebrations [Feasts, Memorials and Optional Memorials] are omitted that year.

If on the same day vespers [evening prayer] of the current office and first vespers of the following day are to be celebrated, the vespers of the day holding the higher rank in the table of liturgical days takes precedence; if both days are of the same rank, vespers of the current day takes precedence.

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYSⁱⁱ

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost, Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the season of Easter, Ash Wednesday, Weekdays of Holy Week, Monday to Thursday inclusive, Days within the octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saints listed in the general calendar, All Souls' Day.
4. Proper solemnities, namely:
 - a) Solemnity of the principal patron of the place, city, or state.
 - b) Solemnity of the dedication and anniversary of the dedication of a particular church.
 - c) Solemnity of the titular saint of a particular church.
 - d) Solemnity of the titular saint, founder, or principal patron of an order or congregation.
5. Feasts of the Lord in the general calendar.
6. Sundays of the Christmas season and Sundays in ordinary time.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints in the general calendar.

8. Proper feasts, namely:
 - a) Feast of the principal patron of the diocese.
 - b) Feast of the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral.
 - c) Feast of the principal patron of the territory, province, country, or more extensive territory.
 - d) Feast of the titular saint, founder, or principal patron of an order, congregation, or religious province,
 - observing the directives in no. 4.
 - e) Other feasts proper to an individual church.
 - f) Other feasts listed in the calendar of the diocese, order, or congregation.
9. Weekdays of Advent from December 17 to December 24 inclusive, Days within the octave of Christmas, Weekdays of Lent.
10. Obligatory memorials in the general calendar.
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely:
 - a) Memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region or province, country, or more extensive territory; or of an order, congregation, or religious province.
 - b) Obligatory memorials proper to an individual church.
 - c) Obligatory memorials listed in the calendar of a diocese, order, or congregation.
12. Optional memorials, as described in the instructions indicated for the Mass and office, may be observed even on the days in no. 9. In the same manner obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on the Lenten weekdays.
13. Weekdays of Advent up to December 16 inclusive. Weekdays of the Christmas season from January 2 until the Saturday after Epiphany. Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost inclusive. Weekdays in ordinary time.

A good place to begin is by eliminating celebrations that rank below no. 6. which occur on Sundays.



ⁱ In gratitude to Thomas Moore, OCDS for this calendar.

ⁱⁱ The Calendar must be corrected each year to eliminate conflicts in accordance with the Table of Liturgical Precedence rules.